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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSIT PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2007-08
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of the Transit Pass Subsidy Program (Program) to provide subsidized monthly transit fares for eligible County of Los Angeles unincorporated area residents as part of the County's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program for Fiscal Year 2007-08 at an estimated cost of \$1,554,100.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to continue this Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since 1985, your Board has approved Agreements with Metro, or its predecessor agencies, providing for them to sell monthly transit passes at reduced rates to eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, and students residing in all unincorporated County areas. In January 2005, your Board approved expanding this service to provide subsidized Metro and EZ transit passes for the general public residing in the

unincorporated County areas of the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

The Program encourages the use of public transit and provides eligible residents in unincorporated County areas financial assistance in meeting their transit needs. This action will provide for the continuation of the subsidized transit passes for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Metro announced a new fare structure effective July 1, 2007. The fare changes include increasing the cost of all transit pass categories. We anticipate the number of County residents seeking the transit pass subsidy will rise. Notwithstanding the fare increase, the subsidy for each pass category will remain the same as it was for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by administering this Program with Metro to provide services to the public in a cost-effective manner. This Program will reduce monthly transit pass costs for eligible seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and the general public, thereby improving access to Metro and other municipal transit systems.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The anticipated cost of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Pass Subsidy Program for each Supervisorial District is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Subsidy/Certifications</u>	<u>Baldwin Hills Center</u>	<u>Metro Administration</u>	<u>Totals FY 2007-08</u>
1	\$ 731,200	\$ 0	\$ 67,700	\$ 798,900
2	189,500	80,000	17,600	287,100
3	5,000	0	500	5,500
4	100,600	0	9,300	109,900
5	<u>322,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,900</u>	<u>352,700</u>
Total	\$1,349,100	\$80,000	\$125,000	\$1,554,100

The maximum obligation to Metro for the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Pass Subsidy Program is \$1,554,100.

The necessary funds are available in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, which are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. There will be no impact on net County costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Program permits the sales of monthly Metro and EZ transit passes as follows:

<u>Metro Pass Category</u>	Regular Cost (as of 7/1/07)	County Subsidy	Cost to Eligible County Residents
Senior and Disabled	\$14.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
Student (K-12)	\$24.00	\$ 8.00	\$16.00
College/Vocational	\$36.00	\$11.00	\$25.00
Regular Monthly*	\$62.00	\$14.00	\$48.00
<u>EZ Pass Category</u>			
Senior and Disabled	\$35.00	\$14.00	\$21.00
Regular Monthly*	\$70.00	\$14.00	\$56.00

*The County subsidies for the Regular Monthly Metro and EZ Passes are only available to eligible residents in Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5.

The Program also calls for Metro to review applicants' addresses to certify that they are eligible to participate in this Program and to document which Supervisorial District the applicant resides. Student and Regular Monthly Pass certifications, which must be renewed annually, include a 12-month punch card to ensure that only one pass per person per month is purchased. The County will pay Metro \$0.65 for each student monthly pass sold to cover Metro's processing cost of the punch card. Disabled certifications must be renewed from every three months to three years depending upon the disability, and senior certifications must be renewed every five years.

Metro charges the following for certification processing fees:

<u>Pass Category</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u>
Student	\$4.05
Senior and Disabled	\$2.75
Regular Monthly	\$4.05

The Agreement will permit Metro to provide subsidized monthly transit fares for eligible unincorporated County area residents and administer the Program at a maximum cost to the County of \$1,554,100. The Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, signing it. The County's payment to Metro will be based on the actual cost incurred by Metro.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 9, 2000, Synopsis No. 73, your Board found this service to be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

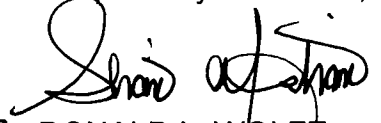
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will not affect County personnel and provides for continuation of the current service.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


FOR: DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel